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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Aleksi KURVEL

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1. We have a rather large file on subject, consisting mainly of interrogation reports, dated 1946. We should be glad to show this file to your representative on his next visit if you are interested. The most recent information in the file was forwarded in WKA-5347, dated 28 June 1950, and is as follows:

a. Aleksi KURVEL:

A professional Estonian staff officer with a knowledge of wireless and signals who has had five years experience during the war with the German and Finnish Intelligence. He worked as a w/t specialist for NEUMANN and trained agents to be dropped in Estonia and Latvia. He has not been enlisted for operational work because of doubts about the security of his war-time associate, NEUMANN, who is probably known to Soviet authorities.

Former Estonian Military Intelligence officer, in charge of contacts with foreign Military Attaches in pre-war Estonia, among them the Military Attache in the U.S. Legation. He worked for the Abwehr in Finland from 1941 to 1943 and with NEUMANN in 1944 and 1945 mounting plane and boat expeditions to Estonia and Latvia. KURVEL recruited personnel and was in charge of the w/t. He now lives in Estonia: DP Camp Linger. KURVEL offered his services to the U.S. through an army officer (U.S.) known to him before the war.

2. Attached herewith for your information are the following reports on Alexander CELLARIUS - we also have an extensive file on him which your representative is welcome to see:

WFA-6859, dated 24 January 1951
WFA-7049, dated 12 February 1951
WKA-5658, dated 14 March 1951
WKA-27686, dated 20 March 1951.

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3. Following is information from our file on Cal. R. 3, also listed as a friend and associate of subject:

3. A report (1-9-51) - REF-003-1261, dated 14 Feb. 1947, stated that Colonel SAAREN was one of OROTHA's closest collaborators in 1938 in a joint undertaking between the Japanese and the Estonian Intelligence Services to obtain information about Russia. This was at the time OROTHA was Military Attaché in Riga. SAAREN succeeded Colonel KALASTED as head of the Estonian I.S. and had someone in Russia. After the invasion of Estonia by the Russians (June 1940), SAAREN went to Germany and worked in the Army. Then the Estonian Legion was formed in Finland he was offered its command, but refused because of a disagreement over Estonian Freedom of decision and action. In the winter of 1941, the German placed him in command of a Baltic unit which was being formed to fight the Germans in Poland. During all this time he kept in touch with OROTHA, who furnished him with money from the Japanese I.S. Intelligence Fund in Sweden. Because of subject's (SAAREN's) excellent contacts with the Poles (his wife is Polish), OROTHA had hoped to bring him to Stockholm to replace a Polish I.S. officer who worked for Sweden, and to spend time during 1941. However, SAAREN never got to Sweden, OROTHA in 1942 tried unsuccessfully to persuade him to wait for the German I.S. against the Poles. OROTHA stated that although SAAREN is too old for active work, he still enjoys great prestige among Estonian Army officers.

b. A report, dated 6 July 1946, stated that one of the most important officers in the Abwehr was Col. W. SAUBERTZ, who until 1940 was Chief of Abw. II of the German General Staff. At the time of the report, he was in a camp at Landsberg. He was one of the best German officers and was formerly German Military Attache in Algiers. He had a great distaste, namely the Disposition to the Poles and along it, and at the same time was leading National Defense officers. This district had, particularly on the Polish side, a strong Russian population and was therefore covered with partisans, Communists, and para-military agents by the Russians.

c. ~~100-5347~~, dated 22 June 1950, reported that Col.

WILHELM SAUBERT was former military attaché in Riga, there he was a close collaborator of OKMOBIA. He succeeded Col. Richard HARTING as head of the Estonian I.-S. In October 1939, he also worked for the Germans and has excellent connections with the Poles. According to OKMOBIA. Although too old for active work, he still enjoys great prestige among Estonian Army officers.

b. There is no information in our files on the other individuals mentioned in reference.

5. Check was made with ID block with negative results.

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